GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:57
ANSWERED ON:06.02.2017
Tourism Hubs
Biju Shri Parayamparanbil Kuttappan

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism hubs in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Kerala;
(b) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments in this regard; and
(c) if so, the details along with the present status thereof and the action taken by the Government on such proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*57 ANSWERED ON 06.02.2017 REGARDING TOURISM HUBS.

(a) to (c): For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched two schemes in 2014-15 i.e. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD - Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive.
Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.
Under PRASAD scheme, 25 sites of religious significance have been identified for development namely Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Badrinath (Uttarakhand), Belur (West Bengal), Dwarka (Gujarat), Deoghar (Jharkhand), Gaya (Bihar), Guruvayoor (Kerala), Hazratbal (Jammu & Kashmir), Kamakhya (Assam), Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Katra (Jammu & Kashmir), Kedarnath (Uttarakhand), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Omkareshwar (Madhya Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Puri (Odisha), Somnath (Gujarat), Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu).
The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/UTs for projects which are identified for development in consultations with them. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.
The State-wise details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes including for Kerala since its launch is annexed.
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